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## **Block Grant Funding Allocated for Second District Programs**

SAN BERNARDINO - Low-cost and free senior lunches, after school centers, adult literacy classes and other Second District programs will receive \$176,188 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding approved by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

Second District CDBG allocations include \$33,688 for free senior lunches at the San Moritz Lodge in Crestline, \$10,000 for the Fontana Boys and Girls Club's vocational career development program, and \$10,000 for Upland Public Library's adult literacy program. In addition, the district is providing \$24,110 in CDBG funds for the construction of the Children's Courtyard at the Chaffey Communities Cultural Center and \$20,000 for improvements at the Pentecostal Community Outreach Ministries After School Tutoring Center.

CDBG funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. At least 70 percent of the money must directly benefit residents with low and moderate incomes, according to federal guidelines. In the Second District, 100 percent of the funding allocated during this cycle will benefit people who meet the income criteria.

“CDBG funding is a limited resource, so we chose projects that will serve the most people and those that will have the most positive and substantial impacts in Second District communities,” Biane said.

Federal budget cuts reduced this year’s CDBG allocation by about 10 percent, cutting the total for San Bernardino County from about \$9.3 million in 2004-2005 to \$8.1 million.